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1. DEPPM/FONMIN FAHMY CONTINUES TO MAKE ALMOST DAILY STATEMENTS, APPARENTLY TO REASSURE HIS AUDIENCE THAT ARAB "PEACE OFFENSIVE" IS ALIVE AND WELL. LATEST COMMENTS WERE MADE TO RADIO MONTE CARLO AND LEADING CAIRO DAILY AL AHAM, PUBLISHED IN CAIRO PRESS DEMCEBER 26 AND 27 PRESEPCTIVELY. SIGNIFICANT EXCEPTS FOLLOW.

2. EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN UNIO N. UNIFIED POLITICAL COMMAND IS EXPRESSION OF STRENGTH OF STRATEGIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND ITS PRIMARY GOAL IS TO SERVE ARAB WORLD SINCE FUTURE OF ARAB WORLD CENTERS ON EGYPT AND SYRIA.

3. ISRAELI BANKRUPTCY. ISRAEL IS AFRAID TO ACCEPT PEACE BECAUSE
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IT WOULD MEAN INEVITABLE WITHDRAWAL FROM ARAB TERRITORY. ISRAEL IS ONLY PARTY THAT BENEFITS FROM STATE OF NO WAR NO PEACE. UNGA VOTE OF 122 IN FAVOR OF EGYPTIAN RESOLUTION MEANS THAT FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY ARABS ARE PUTTING PEACE CHALLENGE TO ISRAEL AND ISRAEL IS COMPLETELY AND TOTALLY ISOLATED.

4. US AND USSR VISUALIZATION. FAHMY TOLD AHAM THAT HE WOULD NOTIFY AMBASSADORS OF US AND USSR OF NECESSITY THAT THE TWO MAJOR POWERS PUT DOWN ON PAPER THEIR JOINT "VISUALIZATION" OF THE METHODS AND PRINCIPLES REQUIRED TO SOLVE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS. HE SAID IT WAS NECESSARY THAT THEY GIVE DETAILS OF A SOLUTION SINCE EGYPT WANTED TO KNOW FROM BOTH COUNTRIES TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY WHAT COULD BE TAKEN AS BASIS FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT.

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